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SOCIAL SECURITY TO POOR LABOURERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Government has asked the State Governments to extend social security benefits to the poorest of the poor employees whom it engages;

(b)if so, the details thereof and the response of various State Governments;

(c)whether the Government had declared that several crack teams will be deployed with the mandate of conducting field visits to ensure that different departments are complying with the directions of the Union Government;

(d)if so, the details thereof; and

(e)the other steps taken by the Government for such poor employees in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT(SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a) & (b): In order to provide social security benefits to the workers in the unorganized sector, Government has enacted the Unorganized Workers' Social Security Act, 2008. As per provisions of the Act, every State Government shall constitute State Social Security Board to provide social security benefits to unorganised workers. So far 14 States have set up the State Social Security Board and framed rules.The list of these states is at Annexure I. State Governments are also implementing Ten welfare schemes for unorganised workers listed under the Unorganized Workers' Social Security Act, 2008. The list is at Annexure II.

(c) & (d): There is no such proposal.

(e): Government has introduced a Pension Scheme namely Swavalamban commencing from the year 2010-11. It gives a minimum monthly pension of Rs.1,000/- after the age of 60 years.